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HONORING THE LEGACY OF ART FRANKLIN

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Alabama (Ms. SEWELL) for 5 minutes.

Ms. SEWELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a pioneer of broadcast journalism, news anchor Art Franklin, who will be making his departure from CBS 42 in Birmingham, Alabama, on Friday, April 29.

Art Franklin is a multiple Emmy Award-winning journalist whose broadcast career has spanned more than 38 years and earned him more than 100 community and journalism awards, including two Emmy Awards. And, most recently, he was awarded an Edward R. Murrow Award in 2021 for excellence in innovation as anchor of CBS 42's Coronavirus House Calls.

Art currently anchors the CBS 42 Evening News at 4 p.m., 5 p.m., 6 p.m., and 10 p.m., after returning to Birmingham to anchor the CBS 42 Morning News with Art Franklin, and served as a managing editor.

Art first came to Birmingham in 1991 and spent 12 years at WBRC-TV, where he was a trailblazer, becoming Birmingham's first African-American male to anchor in prime time.

During his career of almost four decades, Art has worked as a radio announcer, a radio news director, a production manager, a talk show host of both radio and television, a television news producer, host of a television public affairs show, and the producer of the National Association of Black Journalist Awards show that was aired on BET.

In addition to his time as a journalist, Art was the CEO of Atlanta-based independent record company 285 Records.

The author of a book, "Give It All You Got," Art launched in 2021 the Art Franklin Collection, a clothing line of men's ties, bow ties, shirts, and custom suits.

Art sits on numerous boards in the State of Alabama. He is an avid cook and tennis player, and he is a proud member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity.

I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Art Franklin for his extraordinary career and contributions to broadcast journalism.

Madam Speaker, I congratulate Art. We in Birmingham are so proud of all that he has done, and we wish him much luck in his endeavors.

RECOGNIZING PRINCETON BAPTIST MEDICAL CENTER'S 100TH ANNIVERSARY

Ms. SEWELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 100th anniversary of Princeton Baptist Medical Center and Baptist Health System in Birmingham, Alabama.

For a century, the Princeton Baptist Medical Center has been dedicated to serving the most vulnerable in our communities by prioritizing community health and expanding access to healthcare.

As a faith-based hospital, Princeton was built on the premise that it would provide services to patients, regardless of their ability to pay. During its first day of operation, Princeton served 39 patients, with 11 more admitted by the day's end, without any operating capital.

Since then, the Princeton Baptist Medical Center began expanding rapidly, undergoing multiple major hospital renovations. As the hospital's infrastructure grew, so did its network, expanding to meet the needs of its patients by adding new departments to expand critical services and research, as well as to keep abreast of the latest medical developments.

During the 1990s, additional hospitals joined Princeton Baptist to build one of our State's largest and most comprehensive network of acute-care hospitals: The Brookwood Baptist Health.

Since its humble beginnings, Princeton Baptist Medical Center has remained active in the community, hosting several residency and mentoring programs. It even became the first healthcare center in the United States to implement a pastoral education program and student internship.

Now, with more than 230 physicians, an additional 1,700 employees, and 505 licensed hospital beds, Princeton Baptist Medical Center continues to be a centerpiece in our Birmingham community. I am honored to be their partner in our fight to expand healthcare access to all Alabamians.

I am proud to honor Princeton Baptist Medical Center for its profound contributions to our community as they celebrate 100 years of service.

Madam Speaker, I thank Princeton Baptist Medical Center.

MAKING EVERY AMERICAN TOWN A BORDER TOWN

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Tennessee (Mr. ROSE) for 5 minutes.

Mr. ROSE. Madam Speaker, reports of clandestine flights taking thousands of illegal immigrants across the country on behalf of U.S. taxpayers are extremely concerning.

In his 45 years as a United States Senator, and Vice President, and now President, Joe Biden has sworn to defend the U.S. Constitution from all enemies, foreign and domestic, on eight separate occasions, presumably including invasions of our border. Nowhere in the Constitution does it describe using taxpayer dollars to transport illegal immigrants to every corner of this country.

Employees of the airline in question are fearful that they may be participating in human trafficking as unaccompanied minors are on many of these flights.

Department of Homeland Security Secretary Mayorkas must answer whether American taxpayers are paying for these secret flights and, if so, why. All parties involved should be

held accountable, including President Biden.

None of this would be an issue if we had just followed through on President Trump's plan to build a wall at our southern border and secure our borders. Instead, President Biden seems determined to make every town in America a border town.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF MILLARD VAUGHN OAKLEY

Mr. ROSE. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the late Millard Vaughn Oakley, one of the greatest Tennesseans I have every known. His legacy will live on in our State's history for generations to come.

He started life as a shoeshine on the Livingston, Tennessee, square, and checked out as a multimillionaire, chasing the excitement of the next great business deal or opportunity or challenge. He was a faithful husband, a loving father, and grandfather, an exemplary public servant, and a passionate believer in his small town and the surrounding region.

If you took a trip to Overton County, Tennessee, you wouldn't have to look far to find someone directly blessed by Millard Vaughn Oakley. That is certainly true for me.

We come from opposing political parties. I am a conservative Republican. He was a southern Democrat, having served as a State Representative and State Insurance Commissioner under a Democratic Governor. But that never impeded his willingness to encourage me or hear me out. Our debates and disagreements were always cordial. There was never a time when I did not glean something valuable from a conversation I had with him. He cared and believed in me, and that meant the world.

Countless Tennesseans would say the same about this mighty man. There was not a person in the town who Mr. Oakley did not endeavor to know. Whether you were the gas station clerk, a sheriff's deputy, or a student, you mattered to Millard Vaughn Oakley.

What I will always miss is his most sincere compassion. He gave life to the dreams of many. His generosity will live on through the numerous funds and scholarships to multiple schools and foundations.

As you venture down Interstate 40 in Cookeville and exit to State Route 111, you will find yourself on Millard Vaughn Oakley Parkway. That is the main thoroughfare into the town so dearly loved by this treasure of a Tennessean. Up that State Route, you will find an impressive public library giving children and adults access to thousands of books and a new magnificent county building, each made possible by the generosity of Mr. and Mrs. Oakley.

There is no replacing Millard Vaughn Oakley, only honoring him by being better, doing better, and leaving this world a little better in memory of a great Tennessean who did it better